

FEBRUARY, 1975

PARISH MESSENGER



CHURCH OF ST. JOHN □ LAUNCESTON

USUAL SUNDAY SERVICES

Holy Communion: 8.00 a.m. Every Sunday. 10.00 a.m. First and Third Sundays. 7.00 p.m. Fifth Sunday.
Morning Prayer: 10.00 a.m. Second Sunday. Family Service: 10.00 a.m. Fourth Sunday.
Evening Prayer: 7.00 p.m. Every Sunday except Fifth
(The evening service is held at 7.30 p.m. during daylight saving months.)

Rector:
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The Reverend David Lewis Tel: 31 4896
The Reverend Harry Ikin, L. Th.

FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Parishioners of St. John's,

A very happy New Year to you all! May 1975 be for you a time of Spiritual renewal and growth as we seek "to know Christ better and to make him better known".

The words just quoted are words given us by our Bishop when questioned some time ago about the aims of Mission '75 in which we will be engaged throughout this year. I trust that these words will find a deep response in your life and the life of our parish.

This year of 1975 will be an exciting year of celebration for us. It is 150 years since worship commenced in the original Church of St. John, Launceston. We will mark the 150th Anniversary with a number of special occasions which we hope will link in well with Mission '75.

So much will depend on what we are prepared to do, with God's help, to make this year an effective one of celebration and mission. What we can do together depends so much on what you, as an individual, are prepared to commit to it.

We need folk who will give of their time and ability to help plan and carry out the various events envisaged. We need folk who will spare time in Bible study and discussion to deepen their faith. We need folk who will open their homes for prayer and action groups with a special view to the Parish Mission in September.

I ask you to take up this challenge as we approach Ash Wednesday (February 11th) and the days of Lent and to use this special season as the opportunity for renewal in your spiritual life and as a lead into your involvement in this important year.

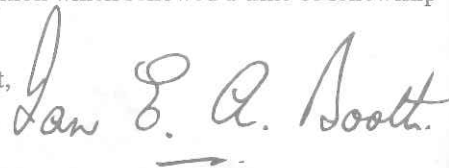
During this past month we have been able to share in a loving concern for the people of Darwin who lost so much in the catastrophic disaster of cyclone "Tracy". Almost everyone knows a family with relatives or friends in Darwin at the time and who have suffered great loss. We are glad to have been able to give to the Red Cross Appeal either privately or through helping with the Doorknock Appeal when several teams of parishioners helped the Jaycees in their effort.

Damage to the Church properties was very extensive and a ready response has been given to the Bishop's Appeal for the repair and reconstruction work which will need to be done. It is wonderful to see such good fellowship shown to the Darwin Churches to express our concern for them.

Mrs. Booth, Graham, Philip, Kevin and Michael join me in saying "thank you" to so many of you who sent gifts, cards and messages to us for Christmas. Our first Christmas with you has been a very happy one. How wonderful it was to share in the joy of the Nine Lessons and Carols on Christmas Eve, and in the wonderful midnight Communion which followed a time of fellowship in the Rectory.

And so we move into 1975 together.

Yours sincerely in Christ,



CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY

- 2 SEXAGESIMA 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 10 a.m. Holy Communion. 7.30 p.m. Evening Prayer.
- 5 Wednesday 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 6 Thursday 8 a.m. (and every Thursday) Morning Prayer with special prayers for the work and life of St. John's Parish.
- 9 QUINQUAGESIMA 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 10 a.m. Mattins. 11 a.m. on A.B.C. Radio Inaugural Service for Mission '75. Preacher — The Bishop of Tasmania. 11.30 a.m. Meals on Wheels. 7.30 p.m. Evening Prayer.
- 10 Monday - 2.45 p.m. St. John's Auxiliary to

- St. Luke's Hospital at Mrs. Holyman's home, Riverdale Grove, Launceston.
- 12 ASH WEDNESDAY 8 a.m. Holy Communion, 9 a.m. St. John's Day time study group meeting at C.M.S. Rooms. 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion 7.15 p.m. Holy Communion and short address. 8 p.m. Vestry Meeting.
- 13 Thursday - 7.45 p.m. Womens' Guild Service in Chapel, then meeting at Rectory.
- 14 Friday - 8 a.m. Holy Communion. Button Day for St. John's Auxiliary to St. Luke's Hospital.
- 16 LENT 1 - 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 10 a.m. Holy Communion. 7.30 p.m. LAUNCHING OF

MISSION '75 IN THE NORTHERN
ARCHDEACONRY. THE BISHOP AND
ASSISTANT BISHOP TO BE PRESENT.

- 18 Tuesday - 8 p.m. Mother's Union.
19 Wednesday - 8 a.m. Holy Communion.
10.30 a.m. Holy Communion
10.30 a.m. Morning tea and stall for St. John's
Auxiliary at the home of Mrs. A. Strickland
(see notice)
7.15 p.m. Holy Communion and short address.
20 Thursday - 6 p.m. - 7.30 p.m.
G.F.S. and C.E.B.S. groups resume
21 Friday - 8 a.m. Holy Communion
7 p.m. Scouts Founders Day Service
23 LENT 2-8 a.m. Holy Communion
10 a.m. Family Service
7.30 p.m. Evening Prayer
Address by the Revd. Alex Reid, from Kuching
Theological College.
24 Monday - ST. MATTHIAS' DAY
8 a.m. Holy Communion 7.30 p.m.
Ordination at St. David's Cathedral.
26 Wednesday - 8 a.m. Holy Communion
10.30 a.m. Holy Communion
7.15 p.m. Holy Communion and short address.
27 Thursday - 10 a.m. Annual Conference of Church
of England Womens' Guild at Exeter. 6 p.m. G.F.S.
& C.E.B.S.
28 Friday - 8 a.m. Holy Communion

ST. JOHN'S WOMENS' GUILD REPORT

The first meeting for 1975 will be held on Thursday 13th February. It will commence at 7.45 p.m. with a service in the Chapel, and then continue with the meeting in the Rectory. Members are advised that the Annual Conference of the Church of England Womens' Guilds will be on Thursday 27th February at the Masonic Hall, Murray Street, Exeter, starting at 10 a.m.

**ST. JOHN'S AUXILIARY
TO ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL**

Would members of the Auxiliary please note that the Annual Button Day for the Hospital will be held on Friday, February 14th, 1975. A Morning Tea will be held at the home of Mrs. A.M. Strickland, Treffos Place, on Wednesday February 19th at 10.30 a.m. Food for the Morning Tea is required, also gifts for the stalls. There will be a mixed stall, cake and plant stalls. A cordial invitation is extended to our friends of St. Luke's.

We will resume our meetings for the Hospital on Monday March 10th at the home of Mrs. Holyman, Riverdaie Grove at 2.45 p.m. Afternoon tea hostesses, Mesdames Holyman and Palliser.



HAPPENINGS

What a good idea it was to have a Cider and Cheese evening at the Rectory following the Service of Nine Lessons and Carols on Christmas Eve! The fellowship was great and gave us the opportunity to meet the Rector's two older sons and the Rectory Christmas guests from Malaysia.

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I was interested to see such a large congregation at the Midnight Communion. It was certainly a wonderful service and worthy of a regular place in the plan of Christmas Services in the future.

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Sorry I was not around to volunteer to help with the Jaycees Darwin Disaster Doorknock. I hear that several teams of parishioners volunteered their assistance. The Community at large has responded well to the appeals for help and our parishioners in particular have been very generous in so many ways including the Bishop's Appeal for the repair of Darwin Church properties severely damaged or destroyed during the disaster.

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You wouldn't guess who I bumped into in Adelaide recently. Low and behold, as I wandered up Rundle Street in the heat of the day, there face to face, I confronted our Assistant Curate, fit as a fiddle and fresh from fellowshipping at the National Ecumenical Youth Leaders' Seminar up in those delightful hills.

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Met up with the Watkins family too! The Rev'd. Ted and Mrs. Morwen Watkins were all packed up to leave with their four children to work with the Bush Church Aid Society and the Tasmanian Council of Churches at Strathgordon. What a surprise to find out that their first night on Tasmanian soil was to be spent at St. John's Rectory. Ted has been Rector of St. Bartholomew's Church, Norwood, a suburb of Adelaide for quite a few years and was the Honorary Secretary for B.C.A. in South Australia until the Rev'd. Blair Grace took over a few months ago as the first State Secretary.

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Arrived home to find the painters and plasterers at work on the Church Tower. Will the clock get a face lift? Incidentally, the strike does not go on strike, it stops work only because its weight is down to floor level. If I were a man I would volunteer to wind the winch once a week.

Elizabeth Street

1975 COMMENCEMENT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL

The new Parish Centre will not be ready for use at the beginning of the Sunday School year as announced previously. The following substitution has been arranged:-

Sunday 23rd February	10 a.m.	Family Service in St. John's Church at which Lenten Boxes will be distributed to all Sunday School scholars.
Sunday 2nd March	10 a.m.	Service of Commissioning of St. John's Church of England Boys' Society Branch. Sunday school children attend.
Sunday 9th March	10 a.m.	Mothering Sunday Service
Sunday 16th March		Opening and Dedication of New Parish Centre. Details to be announced.
Sunday 23rd March	10 a.m.	Sunday School resumes using the Parish Centre.

Visit of the Revd. Alex Reid

The Revd. Alex Reid, Warden of the House of the Epiphany Training College, Kuching, will be visiting the Diocese from 14th to 24th February. Mr. Reid who served in World War Two studied at Trinity College, Melbourne and served in the Diocese of St. Arnaud for many years.

He will preach in three Hobart Parishes on Sunday 16th February and visit southern Parish organisations during the following week. He will be in Campbell Town on Friday 21st and preach in Launceston Parishes on Sunday 23rd February.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

HOW CAN I HELP?

- * JOIN THE STAFF TEAM
- * TRAIN FOR TEACHING
- * HELP WITH MUSIC
- * HELP WITH SETTING UP OF TABLES, CHAIRS & EQUIPMENT

Contact the Rector or Miss Sybil Brownrigg.

PARISH MESSENGER

Donations to the Parish Messenger help us to defray the cost of printing, postage and distribution together with the "Church News". Donations may be given to the Clergy or Church Wardens.

Mrs. McEnulty \$1.00, Miss Ingram \$4, Mrs. Annear \$2, Miss Gregory \$2, Mrs. G. Collins \$5, Anon. \$1. Mrs. B. Phillips \$2, Anon. \$1, Mr. R. Sutton \$2, Mrs. Radford Snr. 50c. Miss Rooney \$5, Mr. A. Thollar \$5 Graham and Helen Thurley \$5, Mrs. K. Robinson \$1, Mrs. F. Atherton \$2.

Thank You.

PARISH CENTRE

It is proposed to officially open the new St. John's Parish Centre on Sunday March 16th. Detailed information about the form and time of service will be in the next Messenger - an integral part of the Parish Family Life, please keep 16th March free so you can join the Family for this very important occasion, the first great occasion of our Sesquicentennial Year.

FLOWER ROSTER

Church	Chapel
February 2nd	
Mrs. Page	Mrs. Smith
February 9th	
Mrs. Stevenson	Mrs. Sheldrick

R.S.C.M.

NATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL

St. John's Church was the venue for some wonderful music and singing between 7th and 12th January.

Each lunch hour from Tuesday to Saturday an organ recital was given. The series featured the organists Herbert Woodhouse, John Nicholls, Lindsay O'Neill, Ian Bridge and Rodney Ford.

Many parishioners and visitors joined with the members of the Summer School at the Choral Evensong on Friday 10th when the Rev'd. Herbert Conden was the occasional preacher.

Bishop Henry Jerrim was present and preached at the final Choral Eucharist in St. John's Church at 10 a.m. on the Sunday when the A.B.C. recorded the service for national broadcast on a date to be announced. The music of this service was a most wonderful offering to God by those who had spent a fairly hard working week together under the leadership of the Director of the Royal School of Church Music from London, Mr. Lionel Dakers, who was making his first visit to Australia.